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ABIDJAN FOR RBFO AND RSO

ADDIS FOR REGIONAL MARINE OFFICER

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1. GON CONFIRMED APRIL 12 APPROVAL FOR ASSIGNMENT OF MARINES
REPORTED BY REF. DURING RECENT VISIT OF RSO SORESENSEN, FOLLOWING
PREPARATIONS WERE DISCUSSED.

2. FIRST PRIORITY IS ALLOTMENT OF ABOUT \$32,000 FOR PROCUREMENT
OF HOUSEHOLD FURNISHINGS AND EQUIPMENT FOR 2 RESIDENCES TO BE
LEASED FOR NCOIC AND WATCH-STANDERS. AT THE SAME TIME, CHEVY
BLAZER EQUIPPED FOR ROUGH DUTY ROADS SHOULD BE ORDERED BY DEPT.
TO PROVIDE MARINES WITH TRANSPORT FROM HOME TO WORK. SINCE 8
MONTHS LEAD TIME MUST BE ALLOWED TO GET THESE TO POST, EVEN
IF PROCUREMENT BEGAN TODAY, WE COULD NOT PLAN TO HAVE HOUSING
AND TRANSPORT READY BEFORE JAN 1977. REQUEST DEPT. ADVISE
WHEN THESE ITEMS, ON WHICH TIMING OF ALL OTHER PLANS FOR
MARINES DEPENDS, CAN BE EXPECTED.

3. IN ADDITION TO ABOVE, ABOUT \$50,000 PER ANNUM IN ADDITIONAL
SAS FUNDS WILL BE REQUIRED BEGINNING IN FY-77 TO COVER COSTS OF
MARINES. WE ARE FORWARDING DETAILED LIST TO RBFO FOR PROLARATION
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OF INCREASE STATEMENT.

4. EMBASSY WILL BEGIN LOOKING FOR HOUSES AVAILABLE FOR LEASE;
5-BEDROOM FOR WATCH-STANDERS, AND 2-3 BEDROOM FOR NCOIC. AS
SOON AS LIKELY HOUSES ARE LOCATED, WILL ADVISE REGIONAL MARINE
OFFICER SO HE CAN SCHEDULE VISIT HERE TO INSPECT HOUSING AND
ADVISE ON NEEDS.HECK

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